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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE EXTRADITION - ROCH ORSINI

1. DEPT OF JUSTICE INTERESTED IN POSSIBLE EXTRADITION OF ROCH ORSINI AKA JEAN VERNET AKA FRANCOIS SANNA AKA ALFREDO BIAGINI. ORSINI REPORTEDLY IN SPANISH CUSTODY IN BARCELONA.

2. ORSINI INDICTED 6/12/73, IN EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, COURT INDICTMENT NO. 73 CR 581 FOR VIOLATION OF 21 USC 173 AND 174, CONSPIRACY CHARGES, IN CONNECTION WITH THREE SHIPMENTS OF HEROIN INTO US OF 60 KILOS EACH FROM EUROPE BETWEEN DECEMBER 1969 AND JANUARY 1971. WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST ISSUED SAME DAY BY JACOB MISCHLER, CHIEF JUDGE OF U. S. DISTRICT COURT FOR EDNY.

3. FYI JUSTICE STATES ORSINI HIMSELF WAS NEVER IN U. S. IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFENSE AND THE CRIME DID NOT OCCUR UNDER THE NEW EXTRADITION TREATY. BOTH COULD BE POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS TO CASE IF EXTRADITION WERE REQUESTED, BUT JUSTICE DEPT. BELIEVES NOT INSURMOUNTABLE. END FYI

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4. ORSINI BORN AUGUST 14, 1926, MONCALE, CORSICA, THUS FRENCH CITIZEN.

5. JUSTICE DOES NOT WISH EMBASSY TO REQUEST ORSINI' S EXTRADITION AT THIS TIME, BUT WISHES EMBASSY TO NOTIFY SPANISH AUTHORITIES WE ARE INTERESTED IN ORSINI FOR EXTRADITION IF HE IS RELEASED AND, IN THE EVENT HE IS RELEASED, WE WISH THE SPANISH TO CONSIDER OUR NOTE TO BE A REQUEST FOR ORSINI' S PROVISIONAL ARREST FOR EXTRADITION.

6. JUSTICE HAS ALSO INFORMED US THAT THEY HAVE HEARD THAT THE FRENCH MAY HAVE ALREADY REQUESTED ORSINI' S EXTRADITION. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THIS IS TRUE BEFORE SENDING NOTE TO SPANISH AND IF IT IS TRUE, NOTIFY DEPT. BECAUSE JUSTICE WILL NOT PREPARE EXTRADITION PAPERS IF IT IS LIKELY THE FRENCH WILL GET HIM. ROGERS

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